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PARKS

Wealthy give millions to renew ravine

The sprawling Don Valley ravine is getting a boost from private donors to help transform it into more inviting parkland.

Mayor John Tory and Evergreen, the charity that turned a former brick factory into the valley's environmental showpiece, announced the project Tuesday, noting that private benefactors have given $3.4 million toward a $5-million goal for initial efforts to improve access to the ravine.

Tory's office said Tuesday the city has, since 2012, spent $18 million to help turn the Lower Don Trail into "a signature parkland at the centre of the city."

Tory said parks staff will soon set wheels in motion for city council to consider making the ravine an official city park.

Coun. Gord Perks criticized the city's reliance on private charity to fund parks, saying public money should be used to eliminate the possibility of wealthy people having control over public space.

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Teach money skills early

EDUCATION

Group lobbies for personal finance lessons in Grade 10

May Warren
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When Prakash Amarasooriya was in high school, both his parents lost their jobs in the financial crisis and he had to take on five part-time positions to help with the bills.

"In doing that I learned how to save money on my own," recalls the now 23-year-old of the financial skills he gained.

Amarasooriya and other members of the Toronto Youth Cabinet are calling on the province to incorporate financial literacy into the Grade 10 careers curriculum so other can learn about managing money without such high stakes.

"If you don't learn this skill, you will learn through trial and error and, unfortunately, if there's a lot of errors then you might not be able to recover from them,." says Amarasooriya.

The group has launched an online petition supported by 10 Toronto District School Board trustees and plan to take their cause to the Ontario legislature within a few months.

While some financial literacy programs exist within the TDSB, Amarasooriya said his group's research found they were mostly in more affluent schools.

TDSB trustee Parthi Kandavel, who supports the petition, said there is some financial content within math courses on things like compound interest but what's missing is the link to kid's lives.

Prakash Amarasooriya, left, and Toronto Youth Council executive director Tom Gleason hope teaching high school students about mortgages, debt and taxes will help give them the skills to set them up right in life. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

"That exposure to financial literacy, from both an immediate money management perspective to long-term planning in terms of thinking about pensions, mutual funds, investments, property ownership, especially in our city, adds tremendous value."

> **If you don't learn this skill, you will learn through trial and error.**
> Prakash Amarasooriya

Heather Irwin, a spokesperson with the Ministry of Education, confirmed via email that staff would meet with members of the Toronto Youth Cabinet to discuss their proposal.

The ministry has tried to embed financial literacy throughout the curriculum over a number of ages and grades and not just one course, she stated.

"We are also reviewing the Grade 10 careers course, which will be an opportunity to embed additional financial literacy learning in this mandatory course," she added.

WEATHER

Nothing is falling this fall

Temperatures haven't been falling, and neither have leaves. When's the last time you were able to do your morning commute in a T-shirt and shorts in late October?

Even Environment Canada Meteorologist Alyssa Young can't recall a day so warm this late into the year, but says the last record high for Oct. 18 took place in 1963 at 26.7C. Looks like we beat that.

However, Wednesday may be your last chance to enjoy these summer-like temperatures, with an above average high of 21C and a low of 13C expected.

Seasonal average this time of year? A low of 6C, and a high of 14C, numbers that might call for an extra layer or two.

Colder temperatures may get the leaves to change, too. If many leaves aren't as colourful as last year, there's a reason. Young says that without the cool nights, the autumn colours can be subdued until later in the year. TORSTAR/ WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Teens facing creepy charges

OSHAWA

Three wearing masks accused of driving in a reckless manner

Police say three teens are facing bylaw charges after allegedly driving recklessly while wearing clown masks and attempting to scare bystanders in Oshawa.

Durham Region police say officers responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle on Friday afternoon which was carrying three people wearing clown masks.

Police say two masked passengers were allegedly spotted opening the car doors and attempting to scare others, and were also seen allegedly leaning out of the car windows while the vehicle was moving.

They say officers stopped the car and charged the three occupants under a City of Oshawa bylaw.

A 19-year-old man is charged with causing a nuisance and careless driving.

Another 19-year-old man and an 18-year-old woman are charged with causing a nuisance.

Durham Region police say they've responded to 31 calls regarding clowns since the beginning of October.

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CRIME

Lawyer suspended, accused of four sexual assaults

A Toronto lawyer accused of sexually assaulting three teenage girls has had his licence temporarily suspended.

The Law Society Tribunal says Francois Lesieur won't be allowed to practise law until he has a chance to respond to a motion brought forward Tuesday morning by the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Toronto police charged Lesieur with four counts of sexual assault in late September, alleging he assaulted the girls — aged 14, 15 and 16 — in public places such as subway stations and a food court.

Police allege the girls were targeted and say one girl was sexually assaulted twice in the span of five days by the same man.

They say images of the man that officers released through the media helped generate tips from the public and, along with surveillance video, allowed them to identify the suspect.

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Francois "Frank" Lesieur
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POLICE

More razor blades reported hidden in downtown park

Toronto police say they have received reports of more razor blades found hidden in a downtown park Tuesday afternoon, a day after two parks were littered with blades.

Just before 6 p.m. on Monday, officers responded to a report of a suspicious incident at June Callwood Park.

They said a woman was walking her dog in the area when she noticed razor blades scattered throughout the park, some hidden and mixed in with gravel.

On the same day at around 10:30 p.m., police say they also responded to a call about razor blades found scattered throughout Lisgar Park located in the Queen West neighbourhood.

After investigators cleared the scene on Monday, they returned once again Tuesday to June Callwood Park after receiving a call for additional blades being located, said Const. Steve Hammond, spokesperson for Toronto police.

No injuries have been reported.

Investigators are asking the public to be alert and are urging any one with more information to contact police at 416-808-1400, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 416-222-TIPS (8477).

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Year-long campaign leads to crosswalk

ROAD SAFETY

Campaigner hopes effort can be model for communities

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

LUKE SIMCOE/METRO

Mary Rafter says making a presentation to the Scarborough Community Council meeting was “the scariest thing I ever did.” But she’s glad she went.

After more than a year of pushing for a crosswalk at the intersection of McCowan Road and Bridlegrove Drive, Rafter got her wish — and more.

The community council voted 7-1 last week to install a traffic light at the intersection, where an entrance to McCowan District Park’s forthcoming ice rink will soon be located. Coun. Norm Kelly was the lone dissenting vote. The issue will be forward to city council in November. If approved, it’s expected to be built within a year.

“I still can’t believe it, I’m like ‘pinch me,’” said Rafter, who collected over 1,000 signatures in favour of a crosswalk, and encouraged local elementary students to write letters to Mayor John Tory.

“That’s my favourite part,” she said. “Every time those kids cross at that light, they’ll know they had something to do with it being there.”

The community council’s vote defies a staff report suggesting the intersection does not meet the requirements for a crosswalk or stoplight in terms of pedestrian or vehicle traffic.

“Warrants are one thing, but I think the safety of the community is another. Going along with an increase in traffic that will happen naturally when the park and the ice rink opens, we thought it was a good idea to be proactive,” said Coun. Gary Crawford, who moved the motion to install the stoplight.

Toronto receives over 300 applications for new crosswalks or lights every year, but only a handful get approved. Rafter hopes her case can serve as a model for anyone else trying to make their communities safer.

“It just goes to show that no isn’t always the final answer,” she said. “It’s our job to show them why they have to say yes.”

AWARDS

Airport feels love from travellers

Porter Airlines, and its home base Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, have earned high praise in a reader survey by Condé Nast Traveler.

The publishing giant’s 29th annual readers’ choice awards placed Billy Bishop fourth overall among international airports, while Porter placed ninth among international airlines. Toronto placed 37th among readers’ favourite cities.

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“This year is especially memorable with our home base, Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, voted as the fourth best international airport. This goes to show that when you fly Porter, you’re getting world-class service every step of the way,” he said.

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METRO ASKS

What if the U.S. election were more Canadian?

As our neighbours to the south continue to be mired in an increasingly nasty election campaign, Metro went downtown, across from Trump's own hotel and tower, to get people's thoughts on whether little of the True North spirit could go a long way in Wednesday's final Trump-Clinton debate.

MAY WARREN/METRO PHOTOS BY EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

We're always very apologetic and polite. Trump could be a bit more soft-spoken and a bit more thankful in his remarks.

Udit Roy, 27

When you saw Trudeau's debate you saw they were very respectful to one and other. I think Trump should act more mature about whatever he's saying and, when Hilary's speaking, not chime in and act like a four-year-old.

Cassandra Piccoli, 18

Just focus on what you do best and not what they do wrong. Stay to your message, if Donald even has a message. Say 'thank you' or 'please.' Be polite. I do not plan on watching the final presidential debate tomorrow. It's a farce.

Justin Hein, 32

Trump could be more accepting of other people and practise a bit more. I watched some of the earlier debates and personally just found them to be kind of a waste of time. The level of debate wasn't really worth watching. It was just kind of watching something burn to the ground.

Megan Lund, 26

I would rather they get away from attacking each other individually. The last question we saw in the last debate was to name something they appreciate in each other. So it would be good to again start on a positive note.

Vidu Mishra, 26

'Canada is not down with the Donald'

A group of Toronto-based businesses that brand themselves as a "small Canadian super Pac" have launched a line of anti-Donald swag just in time for the third and final presidential debate.

"We just want to allow Canadians to say something because I think that we've been far too quiet as a nation and far too polite about this," said Patrick McCaully, chief news creator at Toronto's Pointman! PR, who started the campaign along with a printer, graphic designer and a business consultant.

"We wanted to really take a position against Trump," he added, calling The Donald's remarks bragging about sexual assault on a recent leaked Access Hollywood video, "the last nail in the coffin."

All of the proceeds from the merchandise will be collected and presented to Trump in a cheque before Election Day with the hope it will persuade him to drop out of the race.

In the event that he does not, the money will be donated to a charity that would "ruffle his feathers," such as something pertaining to women's rights, gun control or "legal defense for small businesses that have been bilked out of getting paid by billionaires," McCaully said.

Although Trump is famous for shrugging off criticism and attacking his opponents as "sad" or "losers" (often in stormy tweets), McCaully hopes this message gets through.

"I think he publicly brushes it off, but we've absolutely seen that he's completely unpredictable," he said.

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INVESTIGATION

Canadian detained in Cuba over drone

As Chris Hughes lay in the dark two-by-two-metre cell, with no electricity, a small hole in the wall for a window and just a hole in the ground for a toilet, he wondered if his wife Grace and three young children knew he was still alive.

"Nobody knew I was there," he said. "I had disappeared. I thought, my family must think I'm dead." On Sept. 30, a few days before the Canadian man found himself in a Cuban detention centre, Hughes had flown a drone above the Plaza de la Revolucion in Havana.

A photographer with a media business in Toronto, Hughes said he had been travelling through the Americas. He had brought a drone with him, which he used to shoot photos and videos. He said he had no problems bringing it in through Cuban customs.

Hughes said he and a Cuban friend and tour guide were questioned by police about the drone at the Plaza de la Revolucion, a historic square home to the Cuban administration. The pair was taken to a police station, where Hughes said they were interrogated for around 12 hours.

He said he was then brought to a detention centre, where he would remain for nearly two weeks. Based on the questions, he believes Cuban authorities thought he was a spy.

> **Nobody knew I was there. I had disappeared. I thought, my family must think I'm dead.**
> Chris Hughes

On Oct. 11, Hughes said, he was informed that the following morning he would be taking a flight back to Toronto.

Although it was harrowing, Hughes said he doesn't begrudge Cuban authorities.

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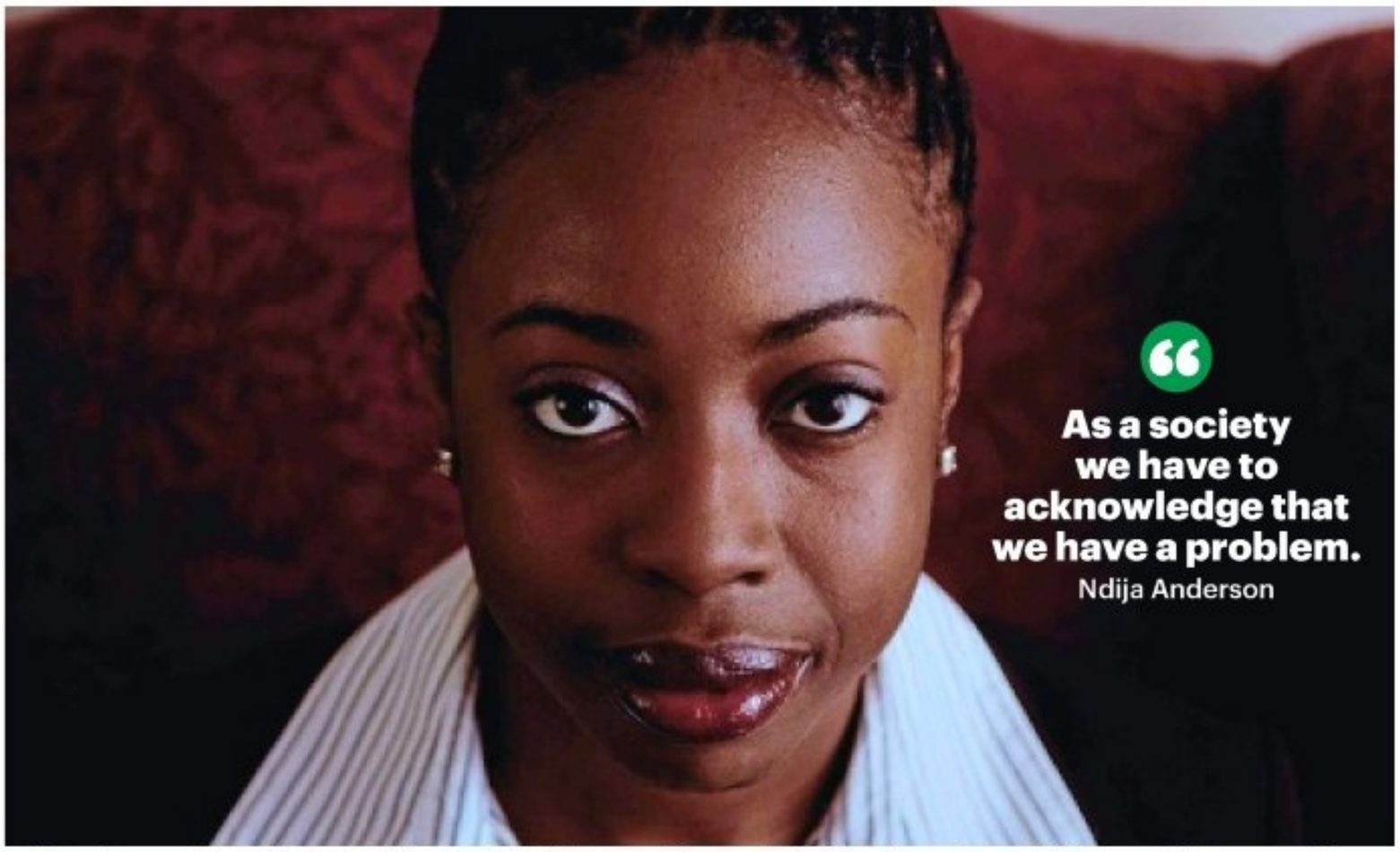
Chris Hughes said he was detained by authorities on Sept. 30 for flying a drone in the Plaza de la Revolucion. CONTRIBUTED



Ndija Anderson of the African Canadian Legal Clinic is one of the people holding discussions with the special UN group. The Toronto-based firm provides legal support and representation to African Canadians in race-based cases. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

UN studies racism

HUMAN RIGHTS

Group in city to hear from black community on discrimination

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A special United Nations working group is in Toronto this week to study issues of racism against black people — and plenty of people have plenty to say.

From lack of access to employment, justice and health care to the controversial issue of carding and deteriorating relationships with police, members of the city's black community aren't holding back about what needs to be fixed.

"What we have seen is a persistent experience of marginalization and systemic discrimination," said Ndija Anderson, a research lawyer with the African Canadian Legal Clinic.

The Toronto-based firm, which provides legal support and representation to African Canadians in race-based cases, is one of the groups hosting talks with the five-member UN group.

The group will also travel to Ottawa, Halifax, Montreal and other cities, talking with politicians, community organizations and activists. Recommendations born from what they hear will be presented to the federal government and the UN.

The mission comes at a time when discussions about discrimination against black people have reached a high in Canada and the U.S.

Anderson said the bigger problem lies in "implicit biases."

"There's this pervasive notion of looking at African Canadian people as threatening or being criminals and lazy," she said. "As a society we have to acknowledge that we have a problem of systemic racism and start working on strategies to undo that kind of thinking."

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Buskers get new stages

TTC

Project aims to dispel myths about subway musicians

The TTC is giving its subway musicians a boost by providing bolder backdrops for their performances.

As part of a six-month pilot project, the agency is setting up decorative black "stages" at four locations in the transit system. The stages, which are made out of vinyl adhesive, will replace the barely noticeable dotted yellow lines that usually demarcate performance areas at stations. TTC spokesperson Stuart Green said they're meant to help focus attention on the artists who ply their trade on the subway network.

"It was felt that in order to give them a bit more profile and help them with their job that we'd provide them with a more visible staging," he said.

The stages will initially be set up at Bloor-Yonge, Main, Spadina and Finch stations, but if the pilot is successful the TTC plans to mount them at additional locations. The agency also hopes to find a sponsor to help offset the costs, which according to Green run to $1,400 for the material and installation of each stage.

Green said that in addition to drawing attention to the musicians, the more visible backdrops will also help clear up any confusion about the performers. Some TTC passengers assume they are busking on TTC property illegally, and don't realize the musicians have gone through an extensive selection process.

The commission holds auditions for the program every three years, and selects 75 successful candidates from the first 175 who apply. A panel of judges scores the acts based on stage presence, talent, and entertainment value, and the winners must purchase a $197.75 licence before they can play a note on the transit system.

"They're professionals. A lot of the work that they do and a lot of their performances are of a calibre you would see during a night out," said Green, calling the stages "a nice way to recognize them."

> **I think it's a great idea to put us out there.**
> Morad Saad Guzman

Morad Saad Guzman, who has been playing guitar and foot tambourine on the subway for a year, said he looks forward to performing in front of the new backdrops.

"I think it's a great idea to put us out there and really raise awareness on who we are and what we do," he said.

While a bustling subway station can be a challenging place to play, Guzman, who usually performs with his dog Milo at his side, said he enjoys trying to liven the spirits of stressed-out transit users.

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EDUCATION

Course meets students where they're at

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Ryerson is taking courses about community building where you might argue they should be: into communities.

The Institute for Change Leaders, which launched Tuesday, brings a new approach to teaching people about community organizing and affecting social change.

Instead of bringing students into a classroom on campus, instructors will instead join participants in their respective communities and engage them about issues that are important to them.

Visiting professor and former politician Olivia Chow brought the model to the school last year, borrowing the curriculum from Marshall Ganz, a Harvard professor and chief strategist for Barack Obama's 2008 campaign.

Now, the plan is to expand the program to other regions of the country, starting with Ottawa next month.

"I think his approach succeeded because it's not based on imposing people what they should know, but it's about what they want," Chow said. "We ask people what motivates them, what change they want, what their specific goals are. Then we engage them on how to build a strong team and strategies to get there."

With the help of 22 instructors, Chow has brought the teaching model to more than 1,200 people in community associations, social service providers and non-profit organizations across the GTA.

Those have included members of the United Way, Danforth East Community Association, Filipino Women's Network and Toronto Youth Cabinet.

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City officials trying to rein

The 78-storey Aura condo tower at Yonge and Gerrard is about to get some company. More than 30 condo projects are in development along Yonge Street, between Dundas and Bloor streets, some as tall as Aura. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

CONSTRUCTION

Infrastructure can't keep up with spurt in high-rises

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

City officials say it's time to "hit the pause button" on development with nearly 1,600 storeys of condos proposed along the Yonge Street corridor between Dundas and Bloor.

Jennifer Keesmaat, Toronto's chief planner, told Metro condos are sprouting up on Yonge faster than the neighbourhood's infrastructure can handle. As a result, she said the city is ready to talk tough with developers.

"We've done a great job of attracting growth, now what we need are policies to do the opposite, so that growth doesn't override our quality of life," she said.

Despite city policies stipulating that growth should come with amenities and infrastructure – things like parks, schools, public transit, healthcare facilities and even sewers – Keesmaat says developers are still pitching huge condo towers along stretches of Yonge where the density is already on par with London, England.

But that's going to stop.

"When development proposals come forward that are not in keeping with our policy framework, we're going to move quickly make it clear to the industry that it's not acceptable," she said.

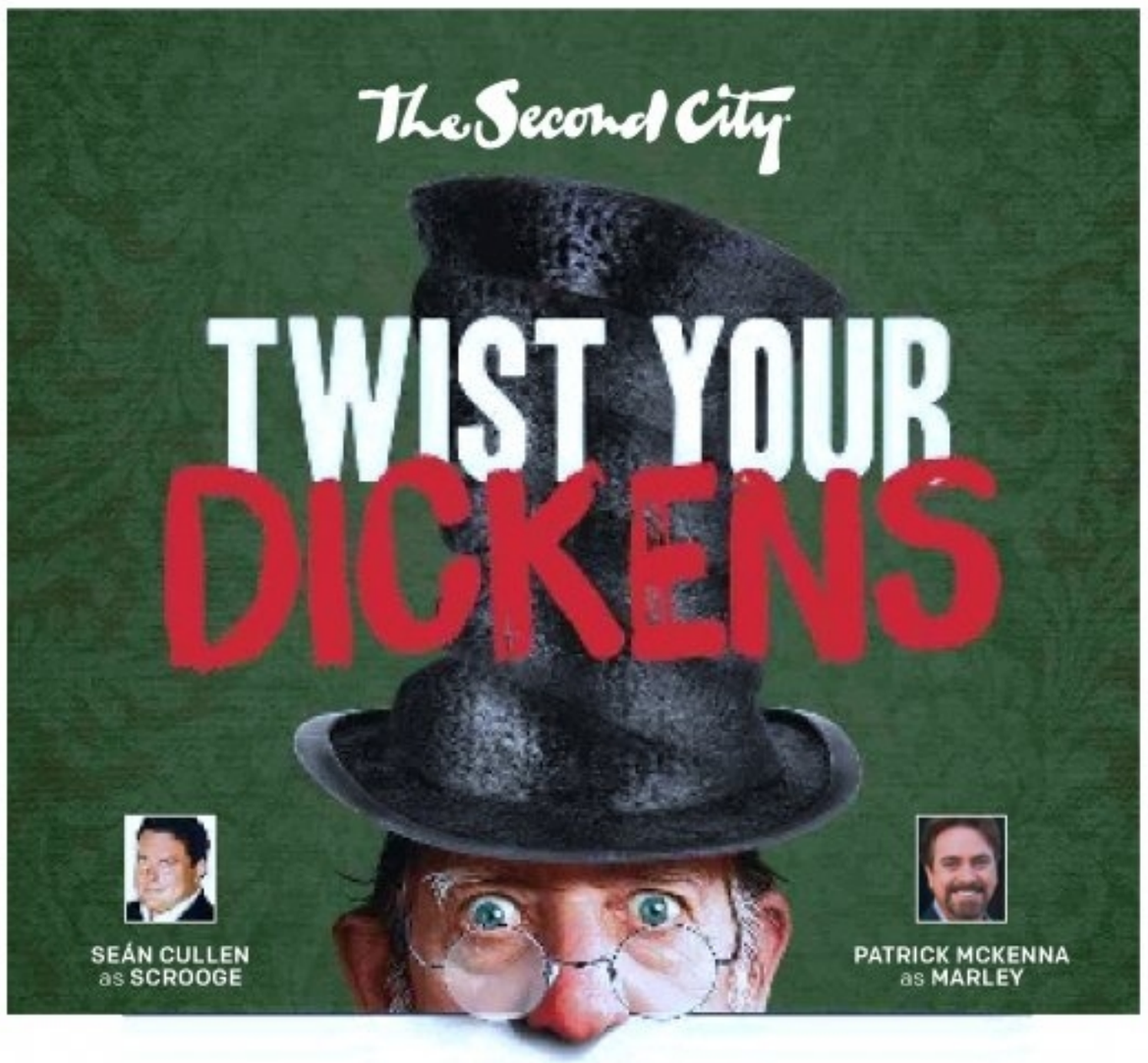
Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam, whose ward includes much of downtown Yonge Street, has been dealing with the impacts of intensification for years. She's thrilled to see Keesmaat tackling the issue head-on.

Wong-Tam wants the city to make better use of tools at its disposal to slow down the condo boom on Yonge, including interim control bylaws, which can effectively freeze development in an area for up to a year.

"Every block is going to be under construction, but we don't have expanded TTC capacity. I don't have new affordable housing being built. We don't have an increase in subsidized childcare spaces. I don't even have wider sidewalks," she said.

"We need a chance to catch up."

Jennifer Keesmaat says density on stretches of Yonge Street is already similar to London, England. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO



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in runaway condo growth

MAPPED

According to the city, there are 32 condo developments either proposed or under construction on Yonge Street, between Dundas and Bloor — some as high as 80 storeys. Here's a look at where all the developments are planned and just how much density some of the biggest will add to Toronto's most iconic street.

Total storeys: **1,595**
Total residential units: **18,236**

1 33 Gerrard St. West
- 1897 units
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- 5 buildings

2 363 Yonge St.
- 1106 units
- 73 storeys

3 2 Carlton St.
- 1100 units
- 72 storeys

4 444 Yonge St.
- 995 units
- 78 storeys

5 501 Yonge St.
- 832 units
- 52 storeys
- 2 buildings

6 1 Bloor St. East
- 789 units
- 75 storeys

7 8 Elm St.
- 469 units
- 80 storeys

8 1 Bloor St. West
- 416 units
- 80 storeys

A 'unique type of scholarship'

EDUCATION

Crowdfunding initiative to open up access to post-secondary

Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A new Halifax scholarship fund won't be based on grades or age, but aims to help anyone reach their "full potential" by going to school.

Quentrel Provo of Stop the Violence Spread the Love has launched a crowdfunding initiative for a Stop the Violence Scholarship, with donations accepted until April 2017 going towards anyone — but especially youth — who wouldn't be able to take post-secondary classes otherwise.

"It's not for those that get the greatest marks, it's for those that need it," Provo said Tuesday.

"I decided to do this ... to basically help them reach their full potential."

Provo said after visiting many schools to talk anti-violence issues, he always hears students describing plans for after graduation that involve the workforce or jobs like McDonald's, since universities and community colleges are out of reach financially.

Quentrel Provo leads a peace march in Halifax earlier this year. He wants to help people reach their full potential. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Getting to the root of violence involves helping all young people reach their goals by giving them the resources they need, Provo said, and helping them "go down the right path."

"Rather than leaving them in that stuck position where they're either going to go into the workforce, or they're going to go into the streets," Provo said.

"They get caught up into crime and stuff, and there we have another youth that's gone behind bars, so we're trying to prevent that."

Rather than having specific criteria around background, age, or community that applicants need to follow, Provo said the scholarship will be open to anyone who wants to share their story and explain why they need the funding.

> "It's not for those that get the greatest marks, it's for those that need it."
> Quentrel Provo

Although Provo said scholarships are mostly aimed at young people, this Stop the Violence fund will be open to anyone — including adults looking to upgrade their schooling, or those coming of jail.

"It's a different, unique type of scholarship," Provo said.

"It's not closed, because every time a kid applies for a scholarship it's on a certain ... group, and I don't want to do that."

The starting goal on the scholarship's GoFundMe page is $10,000, but Provo said he's hoping to raise much more in the months ahead.

"This is giving kids the opportunity to become something. Become someone," Provo said.

INDIGENOUS ISSUES

Land claim agreement signed

The Algonquins of Ontario and the federal and provincial governments have signed an agreement in principle involving lands in eastern Ontario.

The agreement is a step toward resolving a centuries-old land claim that covers an area of 36,000 square kilometres of land.

The Ontario government says the non-binding agreement in principle paves the way for continued negotiations toward a final agreement that will define the ongoing rights of the Algonquins of Ontario to lands and natural resources within the area.

The Algonquins first petitioned for a treaty in 1772 and negotiations began in 1991, but fell apart a decade later due to Algonquin disunity.

The agreement in principle was announced in June 2015 and the Algonquins voted earlier this year to support the proposal.

The settlement would give the Algonquins $300 million in funding from Canada and Ontario and not less than 47,550 hectares of provincial Crown lands would be transferred to Algonquin ownership. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A year after election Liberals still poll strong

POLITICS

Trudeau's personal approval in 60th percentile

Justin Trudeau's Liberals swept to power last October with a promise of a more open government that better reflects the values and expectations of Canadians. THE CANADIAN PRESS

It's been a year since Canadian voters took a leap of faith, placing a bet on deficit-financed government ambition after two decades of cuts, caution and small-c conservatism.

"Canadians have spoken," Justin Trudeau said late in the evening last Oct. 19 after a federal election that swept his third-place Liberals to office with a comfortable 15-seat majority.

Twelve months later, the Liberals remain ambitious and hopeful, even if their reach exceeds their grasp.

Whether it be driving middle-class economic growth and alleviating inequality, fixing First Nations' relationships with the Crown, putting the country on a sustainable path to a low-carbon economy, getting natural resources to world markets, or any of another half-dozen complex initiatives, the fairest assessment would be that Trudeau's lofty vision remains a work in progress.

The government's wish list includes leveraging private sector investment in a new infrastructure investment bank, unleashing the recreational marijuana market, plotting a clear path to Canada's 2030 emissions targets, hashing out home care and pharmacare promises and revamping the electoral system.

Yet multiple public opinion surveys by a cross-section of research companies have Liberal support consistently in the mid-40s to low 50s — an almost gravity-defying run — with Trudeau's personal approval ratings into the 60th percentile.

However, attributing the government's popularity simply to style is not the whole picture, argued Phillip Resnick, professor emeritus at the University of British Columbia.

Their big-spending first budget, which put the country on a path to a $30-billion deficit this year by broadly boosting middle-income family benefits, cutting middle-income taxes and committing billions for infrastructure, was a generational shift for non-recessionary times.

It's a massive fiscal policy bet that has yet to show dividends, said Douglas Porter, chief economist at BMO Financial Group.

"Arguably, it's too early," said Porter, pointing to the big Liberal "showpiece" Canada child benefit, which didn't kick in until July while the most recent GDP numbers only include August.

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UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

'Disgraceful' lewd pub crawl cancelled

An event that reportedly saw students at the University of Ottawa encouraged to perform lewd acts in exchange for points has been cancelled indefinitely as organizers apologized to anyone who was "negatively affected" by the experience.

The school's Science Students' Association, which hosted the so-called Vet's Tour earlier this month, called the event "ill-conceived" and "wrong," adding it "unconditionally condemns" any actions, attitudes and discourse that contribute to, promote or normalize sexual violence and rape culture on campus.

> **Ill-conceived.**
> Science Students' Association, so-called Vet's Tour hosts, comments on the event

The university itself also denounced the event, in which it said some students were "encouraged to behave disgracefully," and said the incident is a reminder that sexual violence is a societal problem.

The statement from the university came after its French-language student newspaper published a report on a pub crawl where students were allegedly encouraged to rack up points by carrying out a list of activities, such as taking off their clothes and having sex with event judges.

The newspaper reported that the event has been a tradition for many years and many participants are involved in student politics.

It also quoted a past participant who said she signed up thinking it was just a regular pub crawl only to find herself pressured to take off her clothes and be groped by a teammate.

A source reportedly told the paper the event's slogan has long been "It's not peer pressure, it's just your turn."

The Science Students' Association apologized to anyone who "felt unsafe or pressured to do anything at any of our events."

The university, meanwhile, called on the campus community to help change what it called "such disgraceful behaviour" and stressed it has policies in place to prevent sexual violence.

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Iraqi advance on Mosul slows after day of fighting

The pace of operations slowed Tuesday in the fight to retake Mosul from Daesh, as Iraqi forces advancing to the east and south of the city began pushing toward larger villages and encountering civilian populations. Iraq's Kurdish fighters, also known as the peshmerga, largely paused their advance, according to commanders stationed along the front to Mosul's east, consolidating gains from the previous day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More Assange intrigue

Midway through releasing a series of damaging disclosures about U.S. presidential contender Hillary Clinton, WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange says his hosts at the Ecuadorean Embassy in London cut him off from the Internet.

Tuesday, the group claimed U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry asked Ecuador to stop Assange from publishing documents about Clinton. The State Department denied the allegation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Last rumble before election day

UNITED STATES

Final debate promising to focus on issues

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was barely three weeks ago that Donald Trump opened the first presidential debate by asking, with faux deference, if it was OK to refer to his opponent as "Secretary Clinton."

By Round 2 he was back to calling Hillary Clinton "the devil." Since then, the Republican candidate's scorched-earth campaign tactics have left all sides wondering just how low things will go in the third and final presidential debate, coming up Wednesday night.

For her part, Clinton steps up as a flood of hacked emails provides an unprecedented real-time look into the machinations of a presidential campaign — hers. In the disclosed material, Clinton is shown taking positions in paid, private speeches at odds with some of her public pronouncements.

And she is revealed as resistant to advice by aides to apologize for her email practices and clear the air.

Here are some things to watch for in Wednesday's faceoff at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas:

RIGGED

Trump in recent days has tried to deflect attention from the allegations about his sexual advances by complaining that the election process is rigged against him. Without providing any evidence, he wraps together the potential for voter fraud with assertions that his female accusers are part of a plot to smear him.

HACKED

Largely overshadowed by the allegations against Trump has been WikiLeaks' day-after-day release of thousands of hacked emails from the Clinton campaign. The emails include excerpts of Clinton's closed-door speeches to Wall Street interests and lots of campaign strategizing over how to contain the political damage related to her handling of classified emails and her use of a private email server. Trump has responded with a scattershot series of criticisms about "Clinton corruption," but he has yet to hone a disciplined line of attack.

BREATHE

The campaign took a dramatic detour last week when a series of women came forward with allegations about Trump's sexual advances. Trump's combative response, calling the women "sick" and "liars" and alleging that there's a global conspiracy against him, overtook all other aspects of the campaign for a time. How much oxygen will it suck up in the final debate?

CIVIL WAR

With a number of Republican officials in open revolt against Trump and worried that he will be a drag on the rest of the ticket, watch to see whether Trump gins up more discord with his party.

FINGERS CROSSED

Immigration was hardly mentioned in the first two debates. Social Security never came up. The national debt has gotten only passing notice. Policy wonks have their fingers crossed that neglected issues will finally get an airing in the final debate. The list of potential topics includes debt and entitlements, immigration, the economy, the Supreme Court and foreign hot spots.

IT'S BAAACK

A subject that both candidates love to dwell on also is teed up for Round 3: "fitness to be president." Trump and Clinton already have made plain their disdain for each other's qualifications to occupy the Oval Office, but they can be counted on to look for new ways to inveigh against each other's fitness for office.

MIND GAMES

Both candidates have used the debates to try to rattle their opponents: Clinton baited Trump by questioning his wealth and his business acumen. Trump tried to throw off Clinton by seating three women who have accused her husband of sexual impropriety in the front row of the audience at the second debate. Odds are both candidates have saved some fresh theatrics for the final debate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cuddle+Kind donates 10 meals for every hand-knit doll sold. CONTRIBUTED/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Giving back part of bottom line

ETHICAL COMMERCE

Customers choose firms that share their values

Derek Woodgate didn't know it at the time, but seeing a documentary about childhood malnutrition would change his life.

He watched the film last year and knows it was the catalyst that helped push him and his wife Jen to start Cuddle+Kind, a company that donates 10 meals for every hand-knit doll sold.

Mark Schwartz, an associate professor of business ethics, said it's becoming important for companies to show that they care about more than just the bottom line.

"Over the years, it's become much more mainstream," said Schwartz, who teaches at York University's School of Administrative Studies in Toronto.

"The larger companies in the world, they really have no choice. All the industries realize that they have to be seen as giving back to the society and the community in which they operate."

He said customers may be more willing to choose businesses that share their same values or ethics, if all other factors, such as price, quality and services are the same compared to a competitor.

> **The larger companies, they really have no choice.**
> Mark Schwartz

"There's a bigger impact when the contribution is more directly linked to the nature of your product and your service," said Schwartz.

"If you buy a pair of shoes, and you know a pair of shoes is going to a child in the developing world, it would make more of a difference."

Derek Woodgate said customers like knowing that their purchase of a colourful hand knit doll also helps support fair wages for female artisans in Peru and also provide meals to Breakfast Club of Canada, World Food Program USA and Children's Hunger Fund, which feeds children in schools and orphanages around the world.

When brothers Kalen and Derrick Emsley started Tentree in 2012, their mission was simple: how could they make money to plant more trees?

They launched a casual clothing line that would plant 10 trees for every item purchased.

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FREE TRADE

Twitter hacked to send Harper meme

The Belgian government says a profane Twitter message featuring a photo of former prime minister Stephen Harper is the work of hackers, not their foreign affairs minister.

Someone accessed the account belonging to Didier Reynders, using it to send a meme of an angry-looking Harper telling off Canadians, complete with the F-word.

The subtext of the tweet appears to be the fact that a region of Belgium is standing firm in its opposition to the Canada-EU free trade deal, known as CETA.

A tweet from the department's verified account Tuesday said recent messages published on Reynders's account were not his.

The approval of the deal between Canada and the European Union countries has come under threat this week after the Wallonia region in Belgium rejected the deal amid fears its farmers could face cheap Canadian produce and that many of the labour standards they fought for will be swept away.

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EMMA TEITEL ON PRESS BIAS

The most popular way to blow off steam among those frustrated with the U.S. election is to excoriate — who else — 'the media.'

It doesn't matter where you live: Donald Trump will find you.

Not literally, of course. (Even if he is elected president of the United States next month, world domination is not likely in the cards for the Donald).

Rather, he will find you virtually, in your newsfeed and anywhere you browse online. The rabid Republican candidate's cyber-presence is so pronounced, in fact, some Trump-wary Internet users have begun downloading special browser extensions that have the power to literally erase all mention of the candidate from their Internet experience.

For those with a scatological bent, there now exists "Firewall Trump," a browser extension that turns all mentions of the candidate's name into smiling poop emojis.

But there appears to exist another more popular way to blow off steam among those frustrated with the U.S. election, a method that doesn't involve the downloading of name-eradicating browsers or the cursing of candidates. I'm talking about the excoriation of — who else —"the media."

Yes, the big, bad mainstream media, argue American conservative commentators like Dinesh D'Souza, is "Hillary's secret weapon."

This is familiar territory; every election cycle, be it American or Canadian, conservatives cry liberal media bias.

But what's astonishing this time around is how many liberals themselves appear to be convinced that media organizations are stirring up conspiracy and peddling scandal in the Trump-Clinton campaign when they ought to be focused on "the real issues."

A reminder is in order: when a candidate denies sexually assaulting women, it's in the public interest for media to test that claim

I've lost count of the number of comments and posts I've seen from otherwise progressive friends on Facebook who seriously question the motives behind the media's reportage of Trump's bad behaviour and more recently the motives behind a New York Times article, in which multiple women allege Trump sexually assaulted them.

This mistrust isn't relegated to my own Facebook feed. Statistically speaking, people, both left and right, aren't too fond of media: according to a survey by the American Press Institute, 41 per cent of Americans "say they have hardly any confidence" in the press.

CAN YOU BLAME US FOR PUBLISHING THIS? Robert John Burck, a.k.a. the Naked Cowboy, sings a song urging people to vote for Donald Trump, outside Trump Tower in New York on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

Perhaps then, a reminder is in order that when a candidate denies sexually assaulting women it's in the public interest for media to test that claim. Candidates make statements and media scrutinize and report on those statements; the alleged criminal behaviour of a political candidate is relevant to the democratic process, and it's the media's responsibility to cover it.

And for what it's worth, as David E. McCraw, lawyer for the New York Times, pointed out recently in a letter to Trump's attorneys, media didn't introduce the topic of Trump's alleged assaults and indiscretions. Trump introduced those things — chose to talk endlessly about them, in fact — on his own.

"Nothing in our article," McCraw writes, "has had the slightest effect on the reputation that Mr. Trump, through his own words and actions, has already created for himself."

I understand that many people are overwhelmed by the volume of Trump-related stories appearing daily across their screens. Trust me, I too am overwhelmed. But volume is not proof of bias. It's often proof that something is seriously wrong in the world.

That said I also understand personal aversion to media. We are, by and large, an insufferable lot of socially anxious know-it-alls; the kind of people who interject at dinner parties to offer kernels of sobering, fact-based wisdom nobody asked for. ("Well actually, I wrote about the housing crisis last month ...")

And yet, like parking enforcement, elementary-school lunch monitors and tax-collection agencies, we are a necessary aggravation, whose absence would be a far worse blight on the earth than our presence.

Without us, dangerous blowhards like Donald Trump would continue to crowd your newsfeeds all the same, only their error-ridden invective would go largely unchecked, and the "scandals" so many of us bemoan having to read about every day would cease to be scandals. They would be something far worse. They'd be secrets.

So despise us all you like, but please, bear with us.

Emma Teitel is a national columnist for the Toronto Star.

VICKY MOCHAMA

Inclusivity is every sports fan's responsibility

We all know sports teams have racist names.

Despite being asked repeatedly to drop them, these names abide. But now that jocks are more willing to talk about racism, maybe the time has come for teams and fans to look for more ways to bring everyone into the game.

Recall that before the Toronto Blue Jays' current playoff series, some media, including the Jays' radio broadcaster Jerry Howarth and Huffington Post Canada, said they wouldn't be using the Cleveland team's nickname. Then, on Monday, an Ontario judge declined celebrity architect Douglas Cardinal's request to ban the team's name.

I'd prefer not to use the name in this space, but suffice it to say that the team's mascot, Chief Wahoo, he of toothy minstrel-show grin and a feather in his hair, is pretty much a full-card jackpot in Is This Racist? Bingo.

Washington's NFL team, Chicago's hockey team, and Edmonton's CFL team are also being called on to change their racist team names. The pressure to find names that are both socially conscious and emotionally evocative can lead to awkwardness like the Ottawa Redblacks (isn't that just maroon?). That's not to mention all the nicknames that sound as though a committee of really bored and geographically confused people chose them. What is an Orlando Magic? Where exactly in Utah are the Jazz?

The push for dramatic but problem-free names can lead to names that are offensive to users of proper grammar. I'm looking at you, Montreal Impact. In naming and renaming sports teams, we could try the system used by international soccer teams. Jays fans are, after all, cultivating an English-style hooligan culture. So: What if Edmonton's football team was called, just spitballing here, the Edmonton Football Team? As a naming convention, it's not exactly inspiring but Liverpool or Chelsea fans don't seem to mind.

Such rebranding exercises would allow teams like Edmonton's and Cleveland's to learn important lessons about their fanbases. Anyone who was into your team precisely because it had a racially flagrant name is maybe not a fan you want.

The rest of the fans will probably stick around through a renaming, and in the process they'll be given an opportunity to ask some overdue questions about what kinds of sports fans they want to be. It's not enough to be upset about a team's racist name, or even to support a change to a new one. Find out what it means to indigenous people who are #NotYourMascot.

Whether it's demanding that your team be more environmentally conscious, that stadiums offer more accessibility, that games be affordable for low-income fans, or that a team doesn't encourage white supremacy, there's a way for every fan to take their seat in the stands knowing that their love of the game does some good in the world.

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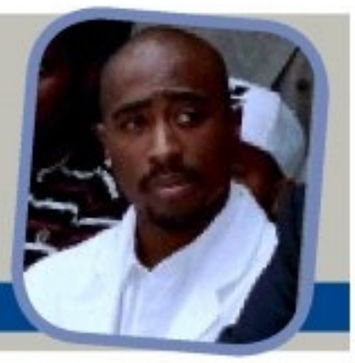

What to eat and drink on debate night

Need something to cleanse your political palate as you watch **Hillary Clinton** and **Donald Trump** spar on TV tonight in the third and final U.S. presidential debate? We reached out to Metro readers on social media and an expert, **Toronto Star food critic Amy Pataki,** to ask what food and drink pairings might help the sure-to-be bitter debate go down a little easier.

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YOU SUPPORT HILLARY CLINTON

FOOD
Ice cream is the perfect Clinton-themed snack, Pataki said, "because she stays cool."

DRINK
If you're with her, you should sip **red wine**, said reader Ruby P. It's "classy and of a certain age. The word that comes to mind is 'mature,'" she said.

YOU SUPPORT DONALD TRUMP

FOOD
Pataki suggested Trump supporters nosh on **Cheetos**. "That orange powder stains your skin," she said.

DRINK
Trumpsters should wash down their salty snacks with **milk**, said reader Vidya K. American dairy farmers say all the deportations the Donald wants to do could affect their business, which relies on immigrant workers. And Trump once called a lawyer who had to take a break for breastfeeding "disgusting."

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COLD FACTS OF TOMATO STORAGE Any Italian grandmother will warn that putting tomatoes in the fridge will compromise their flavour. Well now, science can back that up. According to a new study, cooling tomatoes below 12 degrees Celsius stops them from making some of the substances that contribute to their taste. With the new detailed knowledge of how that happens, "maybe we can breed tomatoes to change that," said researcher Denise Tieman of the University of Florida in Gainesville.

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ROSE REISMAN THE SAVVY EATER

THIS WEEK: Sandwiches

Think an occasional indulgence in a stacked sandwich is OK? The colossal amount of calories and fat say otherwise.

PICK THIS

Quarter Chicken Dinner from Swiss Chalet

White meat with skin served with a side garden salad, light Italian dressing, multigrain roll and chalet sauce.
Calories 490
Fat 15.5g

SKIP THIS

The Rotisserie Beef Messy Stacked from Swiss Chalet

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Calories 1738
Fat 85.5g

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California wines want you to know they're old

As it closes in on the 250th anniversary of the opening of its first winery it must irk California to be lumped in with the gaggle of New World countries who wear the lack of consumer awareness regarding their winemaking histories like a badge of cool.

Proving my point is the number of Golden State wineries who have started bragging about their origins. Fetzer Vineyards is a winery that I'm betting was bottling their first vintage in 1968 to the tune of The Beatles White Album, which was released in the fall of the same year. A lot has happened to Fetzer in nearly five decades. Bought by Chile's Concha y Toro in 2011, its wines, while keeping their personalities firmly Californian, have developed a relaxed drinkability thanks to the influence of the Chileans. Fetzer's 2014 Valley Oaks Cabernet Sauvignon ($11.95-$15.99) has a mix of black fruit and balanced tannins.

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DiCaprio linked to Malaysian fund scandal

LEGAL ISSUES

Star says he's cooperating with authorities in investigation

Leonardo DiCaprio says he's awaiting direction from the U.S. Justice Department regarding any ill-gotten funds that may have supported his environmental foundation or 2013 film The Wolf of Wall Street.

The Oscar-winning actor released a statement through his representatives Tuesday saying he will return any gifts or donations connected to a Malaysian wealth fund, pending a fraud investigation of that fund by the U.S. and other countries. Court filings in connection with the investigations allege a complex money laundering scheme intended to enrich top-level officials of the Malaysian government-controlled wealth fund.

"Both Mr. DiCaprio and (the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation) continue to be entirely supportive of all efforts to assure that justice is done in this matter," the statement said.

"Mr. DiCaprio is grateful for the lead and instruction of the government on how to accomplish this."

The Justice Department says that at least $3.5 billion has been stolen from the wealth fund, known as 1MDB, by people close to Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak. Najib created the fund in 2009 shortly after he took office to promote economic development projects in the Asian nation, but the fund accumulated billions in debts over the years.

The Justice Department has initiated action to seize $1.3 billion it says was taken from the fund to buy assets in the U.S., including luxury properties in New York and California, a $35 million jet, art by Vincent Van Gogh and Claude Monet, and financing of The Wolf of Wall Street, according to federal government complaints filed in Los Angeles in July.

The government complaints also say that more than $700 million has landed in the accounts of "Malaysian Official 1." They didn't name the official, but appear to be referring to Najib.

The Justice Department complaints also do not mention DiCaprio by name, but make an oblique reference to "Hollywood Actor 1," who during his Golden Globe acceptance speech thanked "the entire production team" and singled out several people close to Najib implicated in the scandal as "collaborators" on the film.

DiCaprio won the Golden Globe for his Wolf of Wall Street performance.

The Justice Department complaints identify the collaborators by name, including Najib's stepson, Riza Shahriz Abdul Aziz, who co-founded movie production company Red Granite Pictures.

Leonardo DiCaprio. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Besides The Wolf of Wall Street, other films produced by Red Granite include 2015's Daddy's Home and 2014's Dumb and Dumber To.

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WHAT I'M WATCHING

Not every web hit needs a series

THE SHOW: Haters Back Off, Season 1, Episode 8 (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: The false poignancy

Miranda Sings (series creator Colleen Ballinger), who believes she's destined to be a star and ignores all evidence to the contrary, is on stage belting out I Will Always Love You in her nasal over-tremolo. Owen (Dylan Playfair), the singer she adores, cuts her off.

"That was so funny, that was a little joke I wanted to play on you," he says.

The audience sighs with relief.

Owen asks Miranda for the engagement ring he gave her backstage, to hold until he proposes to April.

Miranda thought the ring was for her; she won't let it go. They tussle.

Owen proposes. April accepts. The crowd claps. "Stop clapping!" Miranda orders.

The audience titters.

"Why are you laughing?" she screeches. "Why is it funny that someone would love me?"

I'll tell you why: You forgot to give yourself even a single redeeming quality.

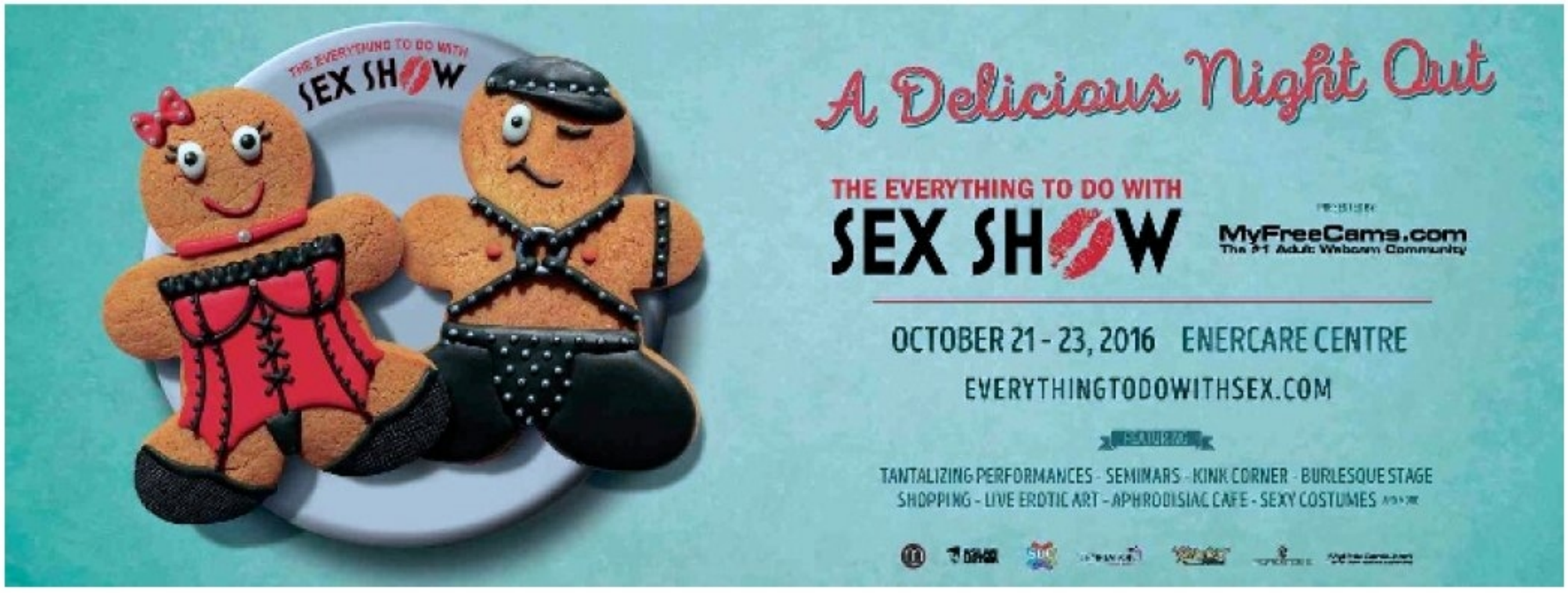
Haters Back Off is one of several new shows that began life as a web series. But unlike HBO's High Maintenance and Insecure, this idea is way too thin to stretch from two minutes to 30.

Miranda is grating in a webisode; in a full episode, she's obnoxious. And through an entire season, as she terrorizes her family, remains doggedly ignorant, and simply repeats those notes over and over, she's unbearable. It's a mistake a lot of TV shows are making: confusing a flawed character with a total jerk.

You can't give us eight episodes of a one-note monster, and then suddenly expect us to care when she cries in the rain.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Miranda Sings (Colleeen Ballinger) is insufferable in Haters Back Off. CONTRIBUTED



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Q5 delivers with tech, performance

REVIEW

Audi's latest SUV offering sure to please

Jonathan Yarkony
AutoGuide.com

As little as 12 years ago, Audi didn't have an SUV, but in 2009 the Q5 took the small premium crossover segment by storm.

What was it about the Q5 that so resonated with luxury shoppers and took the brand to new heights, becoming a global bestseller in the process? Aside from Audi's impeccable interiors and solid, reassuring driving feel, the Q5 had just enough cargo and passenger space for family living, and a range of powertrains that offered consumers their choice of efficiency or a bit of excitement along with their utility.

The new Q5 is based on Audi's modular MLB platform, and although that is the same architecture underpinning the new A4, Audi engineers claimed the Q5 will have more in common with the next-generation. The Q5 grows in every direction, but as with any new Audi, the platform is a mix of high-tensile steel and aluminum aimed at saving weight and increasing rigidity.

Moving up to the driver's seat brings Audi's strengths back to the forefront, where one can focus on the materials, craftsmanship and seamless integration of technology.

With the level of technology coming into play, it's increasingly important to solve the myriad ergonomic and interaction issues, and Audi's Multi-Media Interface and Virtual Cockpit offer several ways for one to operate navigation, audio and car systems. My favourite is the steering-wheel thumb wheel and buttons on the left spoke, which let you access the most common functions without lifting a hand off the wheel. The latest addition to Audi's MMI is the touchpad, which recognizes your scribbles and translates them into letters when you input information for route guidance or a contact and is said to offer tablet-like pinch and zoom control, though not in the models we sampled.

Although the Q5 will be loaded to the roof rack with driver-assistance systems, the focus of the event was its essential driving quality in a variety of settings. Exploring the southern tip of Mexico's Baja Peninsula, we set off from our resort on some intermediate highways, skirted the edges of a small mountain range, climbing the twisting and sweeping curves, picking our way through the narrow cobbled streets of a small rural town, cutting across the landscape on a dirt road, driving onto a sandy beach for photo ops and then cruising back on a highway that saw us reaching and holding autobahn speeds. It's hard to say whether the chassis or the engine was the star, because both were so impressive in every way, and perhaps it was their seamless cooperation that sets a new benchmark.

In the end, the Q5 nails every point that a small luxury SUV needs to and is sure to make many shoppers happy.

THE CHECKLIST | 2018 AUDI Q5 REVIEW

THE BASICS
Engine: 2.0L turbo four-cylinder
Transmission: Seven-speed S tronic dual-clutch auto
Power: 252 hp, 273 lb-ft of torque
Curb Weight: 1,950 kg
Cargo Space (trunk/max): 550-610/1,550 L
Starting Price (est.): $45,000

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BMW's bold Motorrad vision

VISION NEXT 100

Self-balancing frame, sleek design unveiled in L.A.

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The BMW Group has been celebrating its 100th anniversary by revealing new concept cars that visualize what the next 100 years of the brand will bring.

Starting earlier this year in Munich, the automaker unveiled its BMW Vision Next 100 concept, which was followed up by the MINI Vision Next 100 and Rolls-Royce Vision Next 100 which were seen in London back in June.

Then in L.A., the BMW group concluded its celebration with its BMW Motorrad Vision Next 100, which showcases the brand's idea for the next generation of motorcycles.

Unlike the Rolls-Royce Vision Next 100 and the BMW Vision Next 100, this motorcycle features no autonomous driving technology.

The self-balancing BMW Motorrad VISION NEXT 100 concept motorcycle does not feature any self-driving technology. DAVID MCNEW/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The idea for the concept was to create a pure riding experience, so they also revealed a smart visor that spans the rider's entire field of view.

Like a head-up display, it provides the rider with relevant information, and will be controlled by minute gesture controls like tilting your head.

The design of the bike is striking, following the lines of the first bike BMW Motorrad ever made, the 1923 R32. The black frame triangle is clearly inspired by the old bike, but you'll notice that the bike features a flexible frame, which assists in steering.

Despite the appearance of a traditional BMW boxer engine, this concept utilizes a zero emissions, presumably electric drivetrain.

The unit minimizes when the bike is at a standstill, and then expands when the bike is in motion, giving off a mechanical personality.

A huge part of this bike is safety, and BMW has detailed a self-balancing system that works when the bike is stationary or on the road.

It will help prevent it from being dropped or crashed by riders. In addition, the bike comes with a visor that features BMW's Digital Assistant, which will warn riders of obstacles and give them the ideal riding line on the road, which will also help prevent accidents. BMW's Digital Assistant can also tell if you're following its guidance and can automatically correct your course as well.

The bike sits alongside its counterparts in the BMW Group portfolio. Despite being inspired by what we can expect in the next 100 years, the brand's execs are hopeful that many of the technologies seen on the concept will actually arrive within the next 20 to 30 years.

+ SAFETY GEAR

BMW thinks technology will eliminate need for helmets

One thing was notably absent from BMW's vision for the future of motorcycles: safety gear. The model riding the concept was wearing no helmet of any kind and her riding suit was completely devoid of any armor or padding.

BMW Motorrad boss Stephan Schadler explained that due to advancements in vehicle safety, these riders won't need such gear in the future — because they won't crash.

"(With) what we're working on now with self-driving cars, we have to be 100 per cent sure that they won't crash," he said. "In the same way we have to be confident with the technologies that keep cars from crashing, we're confident that our riders will be as safe as well."

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4 CARS MINI'S HEAD OF DESIGN COVETS

MINIs are not only quirky and fun to look at, but they're also a blast to drive. It's rare that a car can avoid looking aggressive and still portray a sporty personality, but that's just part of MINI's charm. Christopher Weil, the head of MINI design, says he currently drives a grey Countryman, but gave us an eclectic list of his all-time favourite designs. **SAMI HAJ-ASSAD/AUTOGUIDE.COM**

1 Lamborghini Miura

The go-to choice for designers and car lovers is the Lamborghini Miura. The beautiful coupe is held as the benchmark for design and performance and is often referenced as the first true supercar. This mid-engined Italian beauty is on everyone's list.

2 Toyota 2000GT

Here's an interesting choice. The Toyota 2000GT was one of the first Japanese supercars and a beautiful, Asian interpretation on the Jaguar E-Type. It featured a long hood and short deck, and under the hood was an awesome 2.0-litre six-cylinder engine. Nowadays, it's seen as the first truly desirable and collectible Japanese vehicle, with examples selling at auction for over $1-million. Only 351 of these cars were ever made and some Boomers may remember the Toyota as Bond's ride in You Only Live Twice, even though that model had to have its roof lopped off to accommodate Sean Connery's 6"2 frame. It's rare to hear the Japanese car mentioned by designers, but its inclusion here shows Weil's appreciation of cars from all over the world.

3 Porsche 914

Another oddball choice here. Rarely considered as a high-performance vehicle, the 914 was developed in collaboration with a then-rival: Volkswagen.

4 Porsche 930

Weil owned and sadly got rid of a Porsche 930, but he fact that this designer even lived with a 1970's 911 Turbo shows his true automotive enthusiasm.

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Making the three-wheeled e-car a Reality

A new company has an ambitious plan of building "the most attractive, affordable, and practical electric car ever with base price starting at $10,000." That company is called Sondors, founded by Storm Sondors, who raised $10-million and delivered 15,000 electric bikes. The Sondors eBike has since become the largest electric bike distributor in the U.S. and is currently sold in 67 other countries worldwide. And like the electric bike, Sondors plans on cutting out the middleman by allowing buyers to pre-order their cars online before they are custom built and delivered to their doorstep. The Sondors electric car is a three-seat, three-wheeled vehicle and the company plans on offering three different range options: 50 miles (80 kilometres), 100 miles (160 kilometres) and 200 miles (322 kilometres). JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

TELEVISION

The Grand Tour promises show full of hijinks

After teasing Top Gear fans for what seems like ages, the former hosts of the popular motoring show have released the first official trailer for The Grand Tour. The new show, which stars Jeremy Clarkson, James May, and Richard Hammond, is an Amazon original series and is highly anticipated because the of how poorly the revamped Top Gear has performed. JODI LAI/AUTOGUIDE.COM

ELECTRIC CARS

Henrik Fisker launches new company

Henrik Fisker is making another attempt at producing electric vehicles. Now that Fisker Automotive is officially dead, with its new Chinese owners renaming it Karma, Henrik Fisker has created Fisker, Inc. and plans to show off a premium, all-electric vehicle in the second half of 2017. In an interview with Bloomberg, Fisker said the new vehicle will be a "spiritual successor" to the Fisker Karma originally launched in 2012. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

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The first step of a steep climb

Josh Donaldson opens the scoring with a solo home run during Game 4 of the American League Championship Series at Rogers Centre on Tuesday. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bruce Arthur

They're probably not coming back, right? No, put that out of your mind. Coming back from 0-3 in a best-of-seven series is probably hopeless, like never losing a sock in the laundry, or beating traffic. Nobody ever really beats traffic. In Toronto, traffic beats you.

But the Toronto Blue Jays, facing elimination in the American League Championship Series, beat Cleveland 5-1 in Game 4. They now trail 3-1, which is better than 3-0, if not by a lot. Trailing 3-1 just means you put off the execution until Wednesday, maybe.

"We're in the same boat as today," said reliever Jason Grilli. "If it means getting in the World Series, we've got to win every game."

"I mean, it definitely feels good to get a win," said catcher Russell Martin. "And that's how it starts. We won four in a row to start the playoffs, and I believe that we can do it."

I mean, what else can he say? One team has come back from 0-3 ever. But still in Game 4, Cleveland had to pitch Corey Kluber on short rest for the first time in his life and he lasted only 89 pitches. If there's a Game 7, he will have to do it again.

"I think seeing him so recently was good for us as well," said designated hitter Michael Saunders. "Understanding what his ball was doing. His stuff was as good as it's always been. (But) there's that familiarity."

Cleveland manager Terry Francona thought Kluber's legs got tired. It took until the third inning of Game 4, but Josh Donaldson smashed a two-out home run to left-centre, and the Jays held a lead over Cleveland for the first time in October. One inning later, with men at first and second, Ezequiel Carrera — "a prime-time player," according to shortstop Troy Tulowitzki — slapped at a first-pitch curveball, and it arced gently up over the infield but short of the outfield.

Tulowitzki read the play like a pro and scored from second to make it 2-0.

GAME 4 In Toronto

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The two runs mattered in this one because starter Aaron Sanchez was cruising along. Cleveland's two hits came from their No. 8 and 9 hitters. Sanchez is a killer, and it probably would have been nice to see him start twice in this series.

"You don't need to be better than he was today," Martin said.

There were other signs of life from the bats. Edwin Encarnacion hit one to the track. Saunders crushed an upper-deck slider foul and singled twice. Bautista hit one to the track. Tulowitzki hit a single off the top of the wall. Carrera had excellent at-bats. Baseball is a funny game, though you don't always laugh.

"Good teams are always lucky," said Saunders, quite seriously.

And in the seventh, they loaded the bases when Cleveland decided on facing Edwin rather than Donaldson. Encarnacion promptly spanked a single up the middle that scored two. Didn't try to do too much. A cushion, finally. The Jays hadn't been able to breathe all series long.

So, now what? Cleveland will start a rookie named Ryan Merritt Wednesday. He pitched 11 innings this year. He's left-handed, and doesn't throw hard. Toronto will counter with Marco Estrada. Hmm.

It's probably not happening. Three more wins is a mountain.

But ... Cleveland is trying to advance to the World Series with two starting pitchers, plus a bullpen that can lay waste to the Earth. It's a tightrope, not a paved road to the centre of town.

"Why not us?" Grilli asked.

I guess we'll see.

Bruce Arthur is a sports columnist with the Toronto Star

4 Takeaways from Game 4 of the ALCS

1 Sanchez delivers

Aaron Sanchez set the tone for his outing with a clean first inning. Touching 97 m.p.h. with his sinking fastball and throwing curveballs for strikes, Sanchez struck out the first two batters before inducing a weak groundout from Francisco Lindor. Sanchez's early dominance seemed to have a calming effect — not only for him, but the rest of the team — as he went on to hold Cleveland to just one run on two hits and two walks over six innings, while earning nine groundouts.

2 Donaldson connects

Josh Donaldson had yet to homer in these playoffs until the third inning, when he barrelled up Corey Kluber's slider and sent it beyond the wall in left-centre. The fact Donaldson hit Kluber's breaking ball is key as well, because Cleveland's pitching staff has been hammering the Jays with curves and sliders. Donaldson also saved a run with his glove in the fifth inning by making a spectacular diving play on a sharp grounder.

3 Cecil's seventh

Much has been made this series about the dominance of Cleveland's bullpen, but the Jays' relief corps has also done its part. The Jays' bullpen has yet to allow a single run in the series, extending their scoreless streak to 9-2/3 innings. The biggest performance was by lefty Brett Cecil, who threw a perfect seventh inning against three right-handed hitters. Jason Grilli and Roberto Osuna followed with two scoreless innings of their own to secure the win.

4 Encarnacion breaks out

Rarely do teams intentionally walk the batter ahead of the league leader in RBIs, but that's exactly what Cleveland did in the seventh inning, loading the bases for Edwin Encarnacion with none out in order to set up a force at every base. Encarnacion, who had yet to drive in a run in the series, bounced a single off the mound and into centre field to score a pair of important insurance runs. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE PHOTOS BY GETTY IMAGES

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Young Buds in bloom

NHL

Leafs teens playing beyond their years early in season

Mitch Marner scored his first NHL goal in a 4-1 win over the Bruins on Saturday night. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Players sometimes joke in the Maple Leafs dressing room that Mitch Marner is young enough to be their kid.

One of two teenagers on the Toronto roster, Marner looks even younger than his 19 years off the ice. On it, he and Auston Matthews, also 19, look every bit like ready-made NHL players.

"They're top-five picks," Tyler Bozak, a 30-year-old veteran centre, said of the duo. "They're unbelievable players for a reason."

Teenagers are no longer all that rare in the NHL today. Twenty-two have already played at least a game and seven have already scored. Fourteen of the league's 30 teams have at least one teen and eight teams have at least two.

Toronto's teenagers have both looked more than ready to contribute. Matthews, of course, became the first player ever in the modern NHL era to score four goals in his debut. Marner chipped in with his first NHL goal three nights later. He's fired 10 shots in two games and has been, according to Bozak, arguably Toronto's best player.

Leafs coach Mike Babcock believes the strength coaches, nutritionists, personal trainers and skill gurus all commonly used today make players more prepared to play right away.

"Major junior's just NHL-light," said Babcock, formerly head coach of the WHL's Spokane Chiefs and Moose Jaw Warriors. "And the same thing with the NCAA. If you're coached real well in those leagues you're really well-prepared."

While no longer a rare thing, playing in the NHL at such a young age still requires major adjustment, perhaps more so off the ice than on it.

"The more overwhelming aspect of it is being 19 and playing with guys that have kids and are buying houses and making investments and that you watched when you were younger," said Leafs defenceman Morgan Rielly who entered the NHL at age 19 and was admittedly star-struck in first NHL meetings with Duncan Keith and Drew Doughty.

But Toronto's current teens aren't as inexperienced as they might look.

Matthews played in Switzerland last year, and showed exceptionally well at the World Cup. Marner shined on the Memorial Cup stage. Both have been under the spotlight as top prospects for so long that they've become well-adjusted to being the centre of attention, on the ice and off it.

"It's pretty funny just talking about it and looking at it that way," Marner said of being in the NHL at such at young age. "We joke around with each other a lot about it, saying how I could be some people's kids in the room and stuff.

"It's all fun."

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Leicester unbeaten through 3 matches

Riyad Mahrez made it three wins out of three for Leicester in its Champions League debut, clinching a 1-0 victory for the Group G leaders over FC Copenhagen on Tuesday.

Leicester is in a strong position to reach the knockout phase, holding a five-point lead over Copenhagen and FC Porto halfway through the group stage.

Mahrez's first-half goal ended Danish league leader Copenhagen's 21-game unbeaten run in all competitions.

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Leicester has more points from three European games (nine) than from eight Premier League games (eight) this season.

Jamie Vardy failed to score for an eighth straight game, but the striker set up Mahrez's goal.

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IN BRIEF

Grey Cup prices lowered

The Toronto Argonauts have reduced prices for this year's Grey Cup game at BMO Field with tickets starting at $89 and thousands more being available for less than $150. Under previous pricing, the cheapest tickets were $169 and $199 and went up to $899. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hall opens Devils account

Taylor Hall made his new fans in New Jersey very happy with two power-play goals in a 4:11 span in the second period and the Devils posted their first win, a 2-1 decision over the road-weary and penalty-plagued Anaheim Ducks on Tuesday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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RECIPE Pumpkin Curried Soup

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This warmly spiced soup is supremely creamy and packed with vitamin-rich pumpkin making it the ideal fall comfort dish.

Ready in 40 minutes
Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 or 2 glugs of olive oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 tsp ginger, minced
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp curry powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 x 14 oz. pumpkin purée (not pumpkin pie filling!)
- 2 cups low-sodium vegetable or chicken stock
- 1 cup water
- 1 x 14 oz. coconut milk (Try lite for all the flavour and less fat)

Directions

1. Warm olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add your minced onions and garlic until they begin to soften and your kitchen starts smelling great. Now add all of the spices. Stir them into the onion mix and let them cook for a few minutes. Keep stirring so they don't start to stick to the bottom of your pot.

2. Empty your pumpkin purée into the pot and give it a mix with the onions and spices. Now add the stock, water and coconut milk. Let simmer for about 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Don't let it get too hot or the coconut milk may split.

3. Turn off the heat and allow the soup to cool a bit before either putting into the blender in batches to purée or just giving a whiz with a submersion blender. Warm again and serve.

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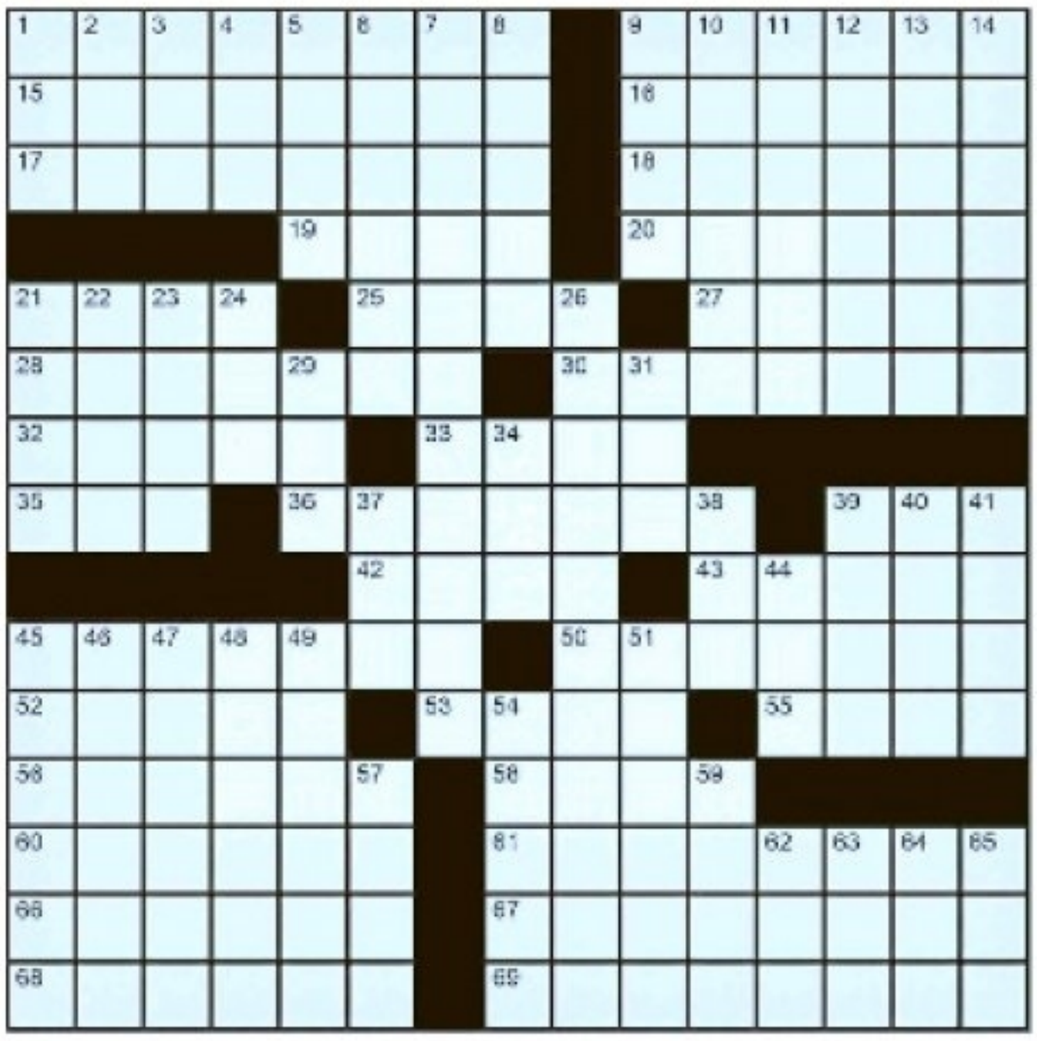

ACROSS
1. Province like Prince Edward Island
9. Shade of red in Paris
15. Most which can be attained: 2 wds.
16. British pop singer Ms. Moyet
17. 1918 Puccini opera, Suor __
18. Relay the news
19. Cinch
20. Slender
21. Livelinesses
25. "Take __ 'J' Train" by Duke Ellington and His Famous Orchestra
27. Bitter-__ (Diehard)
28. Is employed: 3 wds.
30. Those de-sudsing
32. Tea or soya milk or Pepsi
33. __ mater
35. Journey's famous lead singer ...his initials-sharers
36. Canadian musician Ms. McKennitt
39. Wager
42. Geraint's wife in Arthurian legend
43. "Key __" (1948)
45. Drafting tool
50. Lot of leaves
52. Circular
53. Priory of __, in "The Da Vinci Code" (2006)
55. Dick Tracy's beloved
56. Captivate, States-style
58. Holy __ ("Dragons' Den" deal-getting cereal)
60. Turkey's capital
61. "I'm so glad I live in a world where there are __." - Anne of Green Gables
66. Transferred, as land
67. Food Labels: Best Before... = __ Avant...
68. Strife
69. Embraces, as a cause

DOWN
1. Kingston Trio lettered song
2. "Dream" by Priscilla __
3. Mr. Philbin, to pals
4. Island: French
5. Some poetic contractions
6. "_ _ _ _" (Visiting-Canada's-largest-city tourist's response to "Where are you?")
7. 'New York Stories' is this Canadian jazz singer/songwriter's latest album: 2 wds.
8. A day's march for troops
9. "Drive" '80s rock band
10. Onze, in Oshawa
11. Matures in the Produce Department
12. Opera, Tristan und __
13. One readying to alphabetize
14. Inputs information
21. High degrees, for short
22. Wild West's Wyatt
23. Greek alphabet letters
24. Diego's partner
26. Defence... CAF = Canadian __ __
29. Alphabetic trio
31. Mr. Somerhalder
34. Floral souvenir
37. Poet's 'over'
38. Fully
39. Type of hillside
40. __ on (Incites)
41. Pumps points
44. River islet
45. Bottom-of-shoes designs
46. 14-line poem
47. __ Oats Company
48. Like an as-yet-to-be-created creation
49. Treasures
51. How breaking stories might develop: 3 wds.
54. "__ in peace."
57. Gnarlies!
59. __ shirt (Preppy top)
62. __-ray player
63. Initials-sharers of Charlie Sheen's famous brother
64. Regret
65. Non-Jr.s

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Think before you speak today, especially to partners and close friends, because you might blurt out something you later regret. Be aware of this. Count to three before you open your mouth.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Your work routine will be interrupted today. It might be because you feel feisty and independent about something and refuse to do it. Or perhaps high-tech equipment breaks down.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is an accident-prone day for your kids, so be vigilant. You also can expect social plans to suddenly change. Everything is up for grabs today!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Be diplomatic with family members to avoid an argument. However, this is an accident-prone day at home. Small appliances might break down, or minor breakages could occur.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a mildly accident-prone day for you. It's also the classic day for you to shoot from the hip and say something that you later wish you did not. Therefore, think before you speak!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today you might find money, or you might lose money. Ditto for your possessions. Something about your finances is unpredictable.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Guard against knee-jerk reactions today. Be like the wise carpenter: Measure twice, cut once.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are restless, edgy and nervous today. This might be subconscious or you might be aware of it. Avoid doing anything that is upsetting or nerve-racking.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A younger friend might surprise you today by doing something reckless or by suggesting something unusual. Be careful, because today is a crapshoot!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is not a good day to ask for permission or approval from bosses. In fact, they might say something that upsets you. Don't quit your day job.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Travel plans will be changed, cancelled or rescheduled today. Likewise, classes and schedules pertaining to higher education will be unreliable.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Stay on top of your banking and money needs, because something unexpected might affect your finances. Checks could bounce. An important bill might be due. Is the posse after you?

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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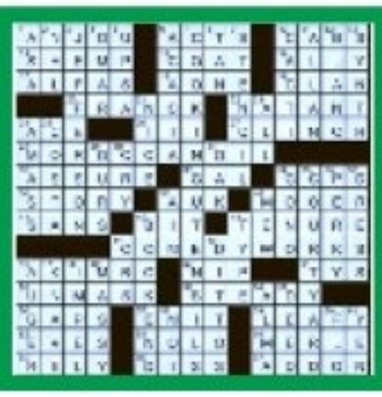

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